

Reynolds Mausoleum

A ruin; only some sections of brick wall having quoins remain standing.

Field south west of St Peter's
Church
Upper Green
Felsham
Suffolk
IP30 0PJ
England

Architects

Year Built

Style

1755

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Listing

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Condition

Very poor (2010)

History

Built c.1755 by John Reynolds, High Sheriff of Suffolk (1735) for the interment of his family. Reynolds lived in a house called 'The Castle' which was demolished and replaced by Mausoleum House in 1794 (Mausoleum House is currently designated as a listed building). Reynolds was a man 'who thought differently from all men while he lived' (quoted by Norman Scarfe, Shell Guide, 1960). The mausoleum stands in pastureland approx 300 yards to the south of Mausoleum House. John Wesley describes the mausoleum in his Journal, 5th November 1771: 'being resolved none of his family should be put into the ground, he [Reynolds] built a structure... vaulted above and beneath, with niches for coffins, strong enough to stand for ages. In one of these he had soon the satisfaction of laying the remains of his only child; and, two years after, those of his wife. After two years more, in the year 1759, having eat and drank, and forgotten God, for eighty-four years, he went himself to an account of his stewardship.' Pevsner (1961) described it as being of yellow brick with red brick dressings and blank windows.

Sources

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 52.176047, 0.844005